



*Sharon Volunteer Fire Department*  
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1/26/2023

To: Representative Dennis Moss  
Re: Sharon Volunteer Fire Department Station II

The project we are requesting \$30,000 in funding for is to assist us with completing our second fire station built in 2014 and installing handicap accessible restrooms, with a well and septic system.

We have gotten updated estimates to complete our station with the well, septic and bathroom. Since this is considered a business, we are required to install a small business water system and the estimated cost to have just the well installed is \$30,000, the septic is \$3,800 and \$20,000 for a full bathroom. We have \$30,000 left from the funding we received last year. These estimates are on the conservative side, but we think this additional funding will come very close to taking care of what is needed to complete this work and have a fully completed functioning station.

Sharon Volunteer Fire Department is a 501C-3 all-volunteer fire department that serves approximately forty square miles of rural western York County. While we do get some funding from York County to assist with operations of the department, stations are the responsibility of the department. Our second station was built in 2014 to assist those living in an area that was outside the five-mile radius of our main station. Many of these residences are on fixed income and were dealing with higher homeowner insurance premiums and threats of insurance cancellation.

We did not have the means to build and pay for a completed station, so it was built as a storage building with the idea of completing it to a fully functioning station in due time.

If we are awarded this funding of \$30,000, we would be able to work toward fully completing the station with restrooms, running water and a septic system. The estimated cost to complete is approximately \$55,000. This funding should allow us to fully complete the station. This funding would allow us to focus less on trying to raise funds and spend time and effort training firefighters to assist the community in their time of need. Once these amenities are completed, we would then also have a place people could gather and have shelter if needed in times of a disaster.

This funding would be deposited in the bank account held by the Town of Sharon on our behalf, and all funds are audited on a routine basis insuring funding is accounted for and spent appropriately. FIN # 27-1170909

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Oliver Dowdle  
Chief  
Sharon Fire Department